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PRIORITY -- ~~SECRET~~ -- GENSER MESSAGE -- 7440 CHARACTERS
REFERENCE FROM COMIPAC HONOLULU HI, SSN 0 AT 21 0206Z FEB85

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UEJ: IFAC DAILY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY 35-85 (U)
(IIPS REC. I.I. PN 001) (U)

(U) INDIVIDUAL ITEMS MAY BE FURTHER DISSEMINATED TO U.S. INTELLIGENCE USERS BASED ON CLASSIFICATION AND NEED TO KNOW. REQUESTS FOR RELEASE/DISCLOSE ANY INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS SUMMARY TO A FOREIGN GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE FORWARDED TO COMIPAC FOR APPROVAL IN ACCORDANCE WITH CURRENT NATIONAL DISCLOSURE POLICY.

(U) FORWARD WITHOUT SERVICE. INFORMATION PERISHABLE.

(U) THE SECURE TELEPHONE NUMBER FOR IPAC ANALYSTS IS 6223,
LESS OTHERWISE INDICATED.

(U) THIS SUMMARY CONTAINS THREE ITEMS:

- 1) ~~[REDACTED]~~
- 2) ~~[REDACTED]~~
- 3) ~~ORIGIN~~

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(2) CHINA: MILITARY REGION COMMANDER STRENGTHENS HIS POSITION.
(2) A RECENT YUNNAN PROVINCIAL SERVICE REPORT INDICATES THAT LI SHENG, A MEMBER OF THE POLITICAL BUREAU OF THE CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY (CCP) AND SHENYANG MILITARY REGION COMMANDER, WAS A MEMBER OF THE ENTHUSIASM WHICH ACCOMPANIED CCP GENERAL SECRETARY HU YAOBANG TO YUNNAN PROVINCE RECENTLY. THE GROUP ALSO INCLUDED YANG SHANGKUN, DE-CHAIRMAN OF THE PARTY MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMISSION AND THE DE-CENTRAL MILITARY COMMISSION, AND YU QIULI, DIRECTOR OF THE GENERAL POLITICAL DEPARTMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S LIBERATION ARMY. IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT THE PROVINCIAL SERVICE REPORT IDENTIFIED LI AS A POLITICAL BUREAU MEMBER, PROBABLY IN REFERENCE TO

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BEI KUNMING MILITARY REGION COMMANDER.

(b) THE FACT THAT LI ACCOMPANIED HU TO YUNNAN COULD BE VIEWED AS AN ATTEMPT BY THE CHINESE LEADERSHIP TO LAY THE FOUNDATION FOR LI'S ASCENDANCY INTO A POSITION OF HIGHER AUTHORITY WITHIN THE MILITARY. LI, WHO IS IN HIS EARLY SEVENTIES, HAS BEEN CHARACTERIZED AS A POLITICAL OPPORTUNIST; HE IS THE ONLY COMMANDER TO SURVIVE THE MILITARY REGION LEADERSHIP RESHUFFLE IN 1982. HE HAS SINCE PUBLICLY SUPPORTED DENG XIAOPING'S REFORMIST POLICY VIS-A-VIS THE PROFESSIONALIZATION OF THE MILITARY AND, THEREFORE, IS LINKED TO THE REFORMIST CAMP. ADDITIONALLY, DURING THE RECENT NATIONAL DAY PARADE ON 01 OCT 84, ALTHOUGH LISTED IN HIS CAPACITY AS A POLITICAL BUREAU MEMBER, LI WAS ONE OF THE TWO MILITARY REGIONAL COMMANDERS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE EVENT (THE OTHER WAS QIN WEI, WHO WAS IN CHARGE OF THE PARADE). IN VIEW OF THESE FACTORS, IT WOULD NOT BE SURPRISING TO SEE LI'S MEMBERSHIP IN THE PARTY MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMISSION AND/OR THE STATE CENTRAL MILITARY COMMISSION AS A RESULT OF THE ANTICIPATED PERSONNEL REALIGNMENT IN THE MILITARY LEADERSHIP LATER THIS YEAR.

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